

IN THE CLAIMS

1-36 49-69
Please cancel Claims 1-37 and Claims 50-70.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

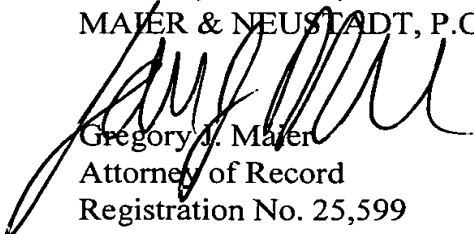
Claims 38-49 are pending in the present application; Claims 1-37 and 50-70 having been cancelled by way of the present Amendment.

Each of the pending claims is believed supported by the originally filed specification.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present Amendment, an Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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